

us. It is a compromise, and we ought to try it sometime.

H.R. 5866, THE NERD ACT

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, by 2030, America's energy needs will increase by 40 percent, and our nuclear power plants are, on average, 30 years old and are nearing the end of their life cycles.

We need more energy.

The Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act, which passed the House last night, accelerates the development of small, pre-made reactors that can be built in factories and shipped to sites at a fraction of the cost. Today, a typical nuclear power plant costs \$10 billion, takes 5 years to build, and produces more than 1,100 megawatts. Small reactors cost \$750 million, which can be quickly added to the grid and shipped into the place.

We need energy independence; but to rebuild our economy, we need products that can be developed here, built in our factories, and sold all over the world; or we can keep sending our dollars to OPEC. This year, the U.S. will buy \$350 billion of foreign oil; and for roughly 1 day's worth of oil purchased from a foreign country, this bill invests in the technology that produces these new energy plants.

The stimulus bill gave us windmills made in China. Let's not repeat that mistake. If we don't do this in the USA, other countries can and will make them and ship them here. Let's support U.S. jobs for U.S. energy.

I urge the Senate to quickly adopt H.R. 5866.

BUSH TAX CUTS

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I rise in support of middle class Americans.

As Americans continue to face economic challenges, the deadline looms for extending middle class tax cuts that provide relief where it is most needed; but congressional Republicans are holding these middle class tax cuts hostage in favor of tax breaks for the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, burdening our children and our grandchildren with unsustainable debt.

Their argument for millionaire tax breaks: it will trickle down to the middle class and create jobs.

But if that were true, America would not be in the economic situation it is in now. If personal tax cuts for the very wealthy create jobs—and they've had them for 10 years—where are those jobs?

Congressional Republicans have made it quite clear that they are willing to hold up tax breaks for middle-in-

come families to protect multi-millionaires. Republicans talk about reducing our deficit, but they are perfectly happy to balloon the deficit by \$700 billion to give tax breaks to the richest Americans.

In the coming weeks, we will see if Republicans stand up for middle class Americans or if they stand against them.

IT IS TIME TO SHUT WIKILEAKS DOWN

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we saw again this week the organization WikiLeaks release hundreds of thousands of classified documents which threaten to undercut American foreign policy as well as our national security.

The person who has been accused of releasing this sensitive information is an American PFC, who is now facing charges that could lead to 52 years in prison if he is convicted. These penalties are too lenient because this PFC has not just violated orders; he has committed treason.

I think that WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange, should be facing criminal charges; and his Web site, which he uses to aid and abet our terrorist enemies, should also be shut down to defend our national security.

Attorney General Eric Holder held a press conference the other day, proudly announcing that the Federal Government had shut down several Web sites for selling knock-off purses and other items. Well, I have an idea for Attorney General Holder: shut down WikiLeaks, which represents a far greater threat to our national security than the sale of fake Louis Vuitton bags.

It is time that the Obama administration treats WikiLeaks for what it is—a terrorist organization, whose continued operation threatens our security.

Shut it down. Shut it down. It is time to shut down this terrorist organization, this terrorist Web site, WikiLeaks. Shut it down, Attorney General Holder.

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REPEAL DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, in 1857, just down the hall, the Supreme Court, which met in this building at the time, decided Dred Scott, in which they said that a black American was not entitled to the rights of the Constitution promised to all men. The good news is that over the years this institution has done the right thing—civil rights legisla-

tion, any number of things—to expiate that sin, but 17 years ago this body passed legislation which discriminated against our soldiers that said if you are gay, you can't serve your country; that regardless of how much we spent to train you, regardless of how critical your expertise is to keeping this country safe, you cannot serve your country.

A report came out yesterday which indicates that there is, at most, a negligible threat, a negligible problem if we get rid of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Now is the time to fix that sin of 17 years ago and say to gay Americans that if you're patriotic enough to serve this country, we welcome you in the armed services.

I urge the Senate to act to repeal this act and to really get us closer to our founding creed.

LET'S GET TO WORK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, today is December 1, just 25 days until Christmas, but the American people have Christmas on their mind right now. In fact, they sent a list of some of the things that they do and do not want on November 2 to this administration and to this body. They said we want jobs, not more taxes. They said we want jobs, not more spending and deficits. We want jobs, not more Big Government.

If we want to make sure that the American people have a very merry Christmas, let's pass H.R. 4676, which I introduced, which brings taxpayers certainty and gives every American taxpayer tax relief that they both deserve and need.

Let's give the American people a merry Christmas. Let's do the right thing for the American people. Let's do the right thing for the future of our children and our grandchildren. Let's get to work and quit naming post offices in this country and go to work for the American people.

EXTENDING TAX CUTS

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with one question for former President George W. Bush and the Republican leadership in Congress: Where are the jobs?

With inspirational titles promising economic growth and job creation, the 2001 and 2003 tax cut packages fell well short of their names. From 2001 to 2007, the economy grew at its slowest pace since World War II.

The Bush tax cuts failed to bring the growth they promised, and now my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want a no-questions-asked extension of